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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL BOMB BLITZ WELCOMES CALLAGHAN PREMIERSHIP

1. COORDINATED BOMB ATTACKS ON BELFAST CITY CENTER AND OUTLYING HOTELS APRIL 5 AND 6 BEAR EARMARKS OF PROVISIONAL IRA OPERATION. TIMING AND EXTENT OF BLITZ SUGGEST PROVISIONAL IRA SENDING MESSAGE TO NEW PRIME MINISTER THAT THEY ARE STILL VERY MUCH IN BUSINESS.

2. TWO HOTELS, COMMONLY USED BY AMERICAN OFFICIAL VISITORS, WELLINGTON PARK AND CONWAY BOMBED AFTERNOON APRIL 5 IN OPERATION IN WHICH SECURITY GUARDS SUBDUED BY ARMED TEAMS (THREE MEN ONE GIRL EACH) AND BOMBS PLACED INSIDE PREMISES. DAMAGE TO WELLINGTON PARK MODERATE BUT CONWAY PRACTICALLY DESTROYED BY BLAST AND SUBSEQUENT FIRE. THERE FIVE OTHER EXPLOSIONS DOWNTOWN BELFAST APRIL 5, TWO ON ROYAL AVENUE. DURING DAY AND NIGHT APRIL 5 BOMBERS STRUCK IN COUNTIES FERMANAGH, TYRONE, ARMAGH AND DOWN. PROVISIONALS ALSO APPARENTLY KILLED OFF-DUTY UDR MAN IN SOUTH ARMAGH AFTER CLAIMING TWO OTHERS KILLED LAST WEEK.

3. DOWNTOWN BELFAST NOW THROTTLED FOLLOWING NO-WARNING
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EXPLOSION OF CAR BOMB NEAR FERRY DOCKS MORNING APRIL 6

AND DISCOVERY SUSPECT DEVICES AT KEY APPROACH POINTS.
BLITZ HAS NOT BEEN WITHOUT CASUALTIES FOR PROVISIONALS
AS ONE BOMBER SHOT AND KILLED APRIL 5, TWO ARRESTED
APRIL 5 AND SIX MORE APPREHENDED AFTER HIGH-SPEED CHASE
BY POLICE OF TWO HIJACKED CARS ONE OF WHICH CONTAINED
BOMB FORENOON TODAY.

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